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Minutes of the
Delaware Harness Racing Commission Meeting
PUBLIC SESSION

November 12, 2019 at 10:00 AM
Delaware Department of Agriculture - Conference Room

Commission Members Present

Beth Steele	Chairman
Patt Wagner	Vice Chairman
George Staats	Commissioner
Stephanie Liguori	Commissioner
Jack Berberian	Commissioner

Others Present

DHRC Executive Director Mark Davis, Andrew Kerber DAG, DSBF Executive Administrator Judy Davis-Wilson, Harrington Raceway General Manager Jim Boese, Harrington Raceway Asst. GM Matt Sparacino, Dover Downs Sr. Director of Racing John Hensley, Harrington Raceway Facilities Manager Karen Craft, DSOA Executive Director Sal DiMario.

DHRC personnel: Brian Manges, Brent McLaren & Dr. Kristen Near

Minutes: Donna Krol

Public Session:

Call To Order:

At 10:15 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Immediately following the "Call to Order," the DHRC Commission dismissed to Executive Session. The Commission returned to Public Session after the Executive Session was complete.

Executive Session:

See Executive Session minutes.

Return to Public Session:

At 10:36 a.m. Chairman Steele called the public session of the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Public minutes from the October 22, 2019 Commission Meeting were reviewed. Chairman Steele made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion was carried by Commissioner Staats and seconded by Commissioner Liguori. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Appeal Ruling: Jason Green, HAR-004-19. Appeal Ruling was read in public session by Andrew Kerber and signed by the Commission.
- Appeal Ruling: Perry DeLuna, HAR-027-19. Appeal Ruling was read in public session by Andrew Kerber and signed by the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of the Employee List for the 2019-2020 Dover Downs Meet:

Employee list was reviewed by the Commission. Chairman Steele made a motion to approve the list as submitted. Motion was carried by Commissioner Berberian and seconded by Commissioner Staats. Motion passed with unanimous voice vote.

Reports: Executive Director, Racing Officials, Veterinarian:

Executive Director: Activity Summary Report- June

Mark Davis reviewed the Activity Summary Report's provided to the Commission. Report covers the time period of October 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019.

Racing statistics:

Total # of Live Racing Days = 11

Total # Live Races = 148

Average # Races per Day = 13

Total # of Starters = 1,160

Delaware Owned/Trained purse retention: Average = 86.0%

*Delaware Owned now includes horses that are full/partially owned or trained by Delaware residents.

License statistics:

Total # licenses issued = 105

Total Monthly = \$8,305.00

YTD Total = \$82,355.00

(Total Monthly figures include Licenses, Fingerprints, Appeals and Fines)

Meetings/Events attended by Mark Davis:

Dover Downs Pre-Meet Inspection 10-21-19

Commission Meeting 10-22-19

Last Day of Harrington Meet 10-23-19

FBI Audit 10-24-19

Move from Harrington to Dover track 10-25-19

1st Qualifiers at Dover 10-30-19

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Racing Official Report - Presiding Judge:

Reported by: Brian Manges
Total # of Rulings: 13
Total fine amount: \$1,275.00

Racing Official Report - Chief Investigator:

Reported by: Mark Davis
Total # Human Drug Tests = 5
Positive result: None
Total # Breathalyzer tests = 542 average 49/day, Positive result – None/ Refusal: Jay Baxter
Total # Truck & Trailer Searches completed = 9
Fingerprints processed= 13

Racing Official Report - Veterinarian:

Reported by: Dr. Kristen Near
Total # of starters = 1,160
Post- Race Testing:
149 Blood samples were collected.
122 Urine samples
27 incomplete collections (no urine)
Catch Rate = 82.7%, average time per catch was 29.6 minutes
Cobalt Analysis: 30 Pre-Race samples collected
Judge's Special Tests: 1
Horse Euthanized On/Off Track: None
Accident On/Off Track: None

OUT OF COMPETITION TESTING:

10-9-19 Qualifier Testing 8 Horses (EPO & Full Analysis)
10-16-19 Qualifier Testing 9 Horses (EPO & Full Analysis)
10-17-19 Out of Competition Testing 20 horses (5 Trainers & 5 Farms)

TOTAL= 17 Blood Samples for Full Spectrum analysis
37 Blood Samples for EPO analysis

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT REQUESTS:

NONE

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

CLOSE OF PUBLIC MEETING:

With no further public business to discuss, Chairman Steele made a motion to adjourn the public session. Motion was carried by Commissioner Liguori and seconded by Commissioner Staats. Public meeting was adjourned at 11:13 a.m.

Next Regular Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 10:00 AM

Next Rules Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 10:00AM

Next DSBF Board Meeting TBD